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LETTER DATED 6 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continue to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

First

1. On 2/3 October 1991: 34 sorties flown by 15 two-aircraft formations, 1 three-aircraft formation and 1 single aircraft. The sorties were for purposes of observation and provocation and were at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 6,500 metres.

2. Air activity was centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Rawanduz, Zakho and Tall Afar.

3. At 1635 hours two F-16 aircraft flew over Farnas airport at a very low altitude and at a high speed; at the same time an F-16 aircraft flew over Faruk airport at an altitude of 500 metres and at a speed of 700 kilometres per hour.

Secondly

1. On 3/4 October 1991: 16 sorties flown in eight formations. The sorties were for purposes of observation and provocation and were flown at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 6,500 metres.

2. Air activity ws concentrated over Dohuk, Zakho, Arbil, Rawanduz, Mosul, Amadiyah and Ain Zala.

Thirdly

1. On 4/5 October 1991: 24 sorties flown by 12 formations at speeds of 750 to 850 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 8,000 metres. Sorties were for purposes of observation and provocation and air activity was centred over Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho and Rawanduz.

2. At 1545 and 1655 hours two F-16 aircraft flew over Faruk airport at an altitude of 500 metres and a speed of 600 kilometres per hour.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative